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NEW ZIF PUBLICATION

ZIF World Map of Peace Operations 2014/15

The current ZIF World Map has just been released. It shows the latest developments, e.g. the new UN mission in the Central African Republic (CAR), two new CSDP operations deployed by the EU in Mali and CAR, or the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine. We hope that our map continues to be of use for your work and look forward to your comments and suggestions. If you would like to receive a print version (either English or German), please contact us: research@zif-berlin.org.

See full publication: [ZIF World Map of Peace Operations](#) (English PDF only, September 2014)

Ukraine

Ukraine orders full military alert, as new casualties strain cease-fire

Ukraine has ordered its armed forces to maintain "full combat readiness" near the Russian border, after new fighting and reports of at least 12 more fatalities further strained an already-shaky cease-fire with pro-Russian separatists.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (09/17)

Ukraine gives rebels 'special status', ratifies EU treaty

Ukraine has granted semi-autonomy and amnesty to pro-Russia rebels, the same day as ratifying a strategic EU treaty.

Read full article: [EU Observer](#) (09/16)

Bundeswehr schickt Erkundungsteam in die Ukraine

Im Rahmen der drei- bis fünftägigen Erkundung soll geprüft werden, ob und unter welchen Rahmenbedingungen eine Unterstützung der OSZE-Mission möglich wäre.

Read full article: [BMVg](#) (09/16)

US and Nato troops begin Ukraine military exercise

The US says the drill had been planned before the current crisis in eastern Ukraine, where government forces have been battling pro-Russian rebels.

Read full article: [BBC](#) (09/15)

More observers, drones to monitor Ukraine truce

Poroshenko's office said the Ukrainian leader had agreed to allow the OSCE to increase the number of monitors in eastern Ukraine and to deploy drones to better monitor the September 5 cease-fire.

Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (09/14)

CAUCASUS

Azerbaijan

Azerbaijan pursues drones, new security options

Heightened tensions with longtime foe Armenia over breakaway Nagorno Karabakh and mediator Russia's Ukrainian adventure appear to be pushing Caspian-Sea energy power Azerbaijan ever more strongly toward a military strategy of self-reliance.

Read full article: [EurasiaNet](#) (09/17)

AFRICA

Central African Republic

Armed groups in CAR

The deployment of the blue helmets comes in the wake of a July cessation of hostilities agreement signed by an array of armed groups in a country rife with insurgents of different stripes and beset by a series of coups d'état over the last couple of decades. ... *IRIN* published an overview of some of these groups.

Read full article: [Irinnews](#) (09/17)

UN takes over CAR peace mission

The UN is formally taking over peacekeeping operations in the Central African Republic (CAR), where about 25% of the population has fled their homes.

Read full article: [BBC](#) (09/15) [DW](#) (09/14)

US reopens embassy in Central African Republic

The U.S. evacuated the facility in Bangui, suspended operations and urged Americans to leave in December 2012 because of sectarian violence that left thousands of people dead.

Read full article: [AP / Yahoo News](#) (09/15)

Liberia

U.N. leader plans stronger presence in Ebola zone

The United Nations secretary general, Ban Ki-moon, said on Wednesday that he planned to establish a new on-the-ground mission in West Africa to coordinate the struggle against Ebola, a move that signaled his concern with the response so far and the limitations of the World Health Organization's abilities.

Read full article: [New York Times](#) (09/17)

U.S. pledges 3,000 troops to fight West Africa's Ebola crisis

President Barack Obama will send 3,000 troops to West Africa to build treatment clinics and train health workers. ... U.S. officials said the focus of the military deployment would be Liberia.

Read full article: [Reuters / Yahoo News](#) (09/16)

Ebola: UN will 'stay the course' in Liberia, peacekeeping chief says

The United Nations will continue to stand by Liberia and its neighbours currently battling an "unprecedented" Ebola outbreak, the Organization's peacekeeping chief pledged today in Monrovia, spotlighting his mission to assess how the UN can further support the country.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (09/11)

Libya

Libya's elected parliament rejects PM's new cabinet

Lawmakers demanded Prime Minister Abdullah al-Thinni submit a new cabinet with not more than 10 ministers, Faraj Hashim said. Thinni had on Wednesday presented a cabinet with 16 ministers.

Read full article: [Reuters Africa](#) (09/18)

Libya meeting rejects military intervention

Libya's struggling elected government and representatives of 15 neighbouring nations have unanimously rejected the idea of military intervention as a way to restore stability in the oil-rich North African nation, which some say is on the brink of civil war.

Read full article: [Al Jazeera](#) (09/18)

Libya closer to brink of protracted conflict and strife, UN envoy warns

Three years after the fall of their former regime, the Libyan people find themselves nowhere closer to realizing their hopes and aspirations for a better future, the top UN official in Libya said today, noting the urgency to take advantage of a "small window of opportunity."

Read full article: [UN News](#) (09/15)

Mali

Mali UN peacekeepers killed by roadside bomb

The United Nations mission in Mali says five of its peacekeepers have died and another three were wounded by an explosive device. ... The deaths of the soldiers, who were all from Chad, brings the number of UN peacekeepers in Mali killed so far this month to ten.

Read full article: [BBC](#) (09/18) [UN News](#) (09/14)

South Sudan

South Sudan won't expel foreign workers

The government in war-torn South Sudan said Wednesday it will not be expelling any foreign workers, reversing a policy announcement made the previous day that caused a storm of protests from aid agencies and neighbouring countries.

Read full article: [AFP / Yahoo News](#) (09/17) [AFP / Yahoo News](#) (09/16)

South Sudan President seeks meeting with Sudan's leader

South Sudan's President Salva Kiir has officially written to Sudanese President Omar Hassan Al-Bashir proposing talks to deepen bilateral relations and security cooperation, according to Ateny Wek Ateny, South Sudan presidential spokesperson.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (09/14)

MIDDLE EAST

Iraq

Obama: No US ground troops to fight IS in Iraq

President Barack Obama vowed on Wednesday the United States will not fight another ground war in Iraq, seeking to reassure Americans about the level of U.S. involvement after a top general suggested some combat troops could be deployed.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (09/17) [New York Times](#) (09/16)

U.S. airstrikes hit targets near Baghdad held by ISIS

The United States, as promised by President Obama, has stepped up its airstrike campaign in Iraq, hitting targets near Baghdad in the effort to help the Iraqi government win back territory seized by the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, Pentagon officials said Monday.

Read full article: [New York Times](#) (09/15)

Islamic State crisis: World leaders pledge Iraq support

Thirty countries have pledged to help Iraq fight Islamic State (IS) militants "by all means necessary".

Read full article: [BBC](#) (09/15)

Einweisung der Peschmerga durch kleine Teams vor Ort und in Deutschland

Es ist vorgesehen, dass kleine Teams von etwa sechs Soldaten temporär bei der Einweisung in die Bedienung von zum Beispiel Panzerfäusten oder Maschinengewehren vor Ort unterstützen.

Read full article: [BMVg](#) (09/13)

Israel / Palestine

UN brokers agreement to rebuild in Gaza Strip

A deal has been agreed by Israeli and Palestinian officials to allow building materials into the Gaza Strip for reconstruction, a top UN official says.

Read full article: [BBC](#) (09/17)

Syria

US House votes to authorize aid to Syrian rebels in ISIS fight

An unusual but overwhelming coalition in the House voted Wednesday to authorize the training and arming of Syrian rebels to confront the militant Islamic State, backing President Obama after he personally pleaded for support.

Read full article: [New York Times](#) (09/17)

CENTRAL ASIA

Afghanistan

Afghan election talks stall over release of vote results

Talks between Afghanistan's rival presidential candidates have stalled again, in part over when and how to release the final results of an election that both say was rigged by the other side, officials said on Wednesday.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (09/17)

Taliban sneak back into Kandahar, dressed as grape farmers

Around 400 people die in August after two weeks of fighting as many blame Afghan election gridlock for aiding the insurgency.

Read full article: [The Guardian](#) (09/14)

UN threatens to cut Afghan aid if staff harassed

The warning comes a day after demonstrators gathered outside the UN's Kabul headquarters and accused it of aiding vote-rigging. The rally featured chants of "Death to the UN."

Read full article: [REF/RL](#) (09/13)